GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:231
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2002
ERADICATION OF HEPATITIS - B
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to launch an immunisation programme to eradicate Hepatitis-B disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of patients suffering from Hepatitis-B in the country as on November 30, 2002, State-wise; and

(e) the details of assistance proposed to be provided by the Government to the States in order to eradicate the said disease?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 231 FOR 4.12.2002

The Government of India has launched a pilot project for introductiono f Hepatitis B vaccinationi n the Universal Immunization Programme. Since this is a pilot activity, the programme will initially be limited to slums of 15 metropolitan cities during 2002-03 (phase I) and 32 districts in 2003-04 (phase II). The names of the cities and districts areindicated in Annexure-I. The expansion of the programme to additional areas of the country will be considered subsequently. Vaccine and AD syringes are being provided to the States in kind. Training has been imparted to health care personnel of the concerned States as Master Trainers who would further train other functionaries of the States with the financial and technical assistance provided by the Government of India.

As regard patients suffering from Hepatitis B in the country, as per the Indian Council of Medical Research,the entire country is rated to come under the intermediate zone of Hepatitis B virus prevalence ranging between 2-7 per cent. The number of reported cases and deaths during 1999, 2000 and 2001 State-wise for viral Hepatitis, which includes Hepatitis A, B and C, are indicated in Annexure II. No such information is available separately for Hepatitis B cases and deaths.

ANNEXURE-I

Sl. No.	Name of Cities
1	Greater Mumbai
2	Kolkatta
3	Chennai
4	Delhi
5	Hyderabad
6	Bangalore
7	Ahmedabad
8	Kanpur
9	Pune
10	Lucknow
11	Vadodra
12	Jaipur
13	Indore
14	Patna
15	Bhopal

Sl. No.	State	Name of Districts	
1	Tamil Nadu	1	Madurai
		2	Nilgiri
		3	Virudhnagar
		4	Ramanathapuram
2	Kerala	5	Alapuzzha
		6	Ernakulum
		7	Pathamithan
3	Karnataka	8	Kodagu(Kurg)
		9	Shimoga
		10	Mysore
4	A.P.	11	Chittor
		12	Vijzzyanagar
5	Goa	13	Goa
6	Maharashtra	14	Ratnagiri
		15	Chandrapur
		16	Satara
7	M.P.	17	Balaghat
8	Orissa	18	Sundergarh
9	Punjab	19	Ropar
		20	Hoshiarpur
10	Haryana	21	Panchkula
		22	Ambala
11	H.P.	23	Hamirpur
		24	Solan
12	Uttaranchal	25	Nainital
13	Pondicherry	26	Pondicherry
14	Lakshdweep	27	Lakshdweep
15	Assam	28	Jorhat
		29	Sibsagar
16	J & K	30	Rajouri
		31	Udhampur
17	Gujarat	32	Surat

ANNEXURE-II

Reported Cases and Deaths due to Hepatitis-B

Sl. No.	Name of the States/Uts	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths